

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 27 , 1887.

Sir:

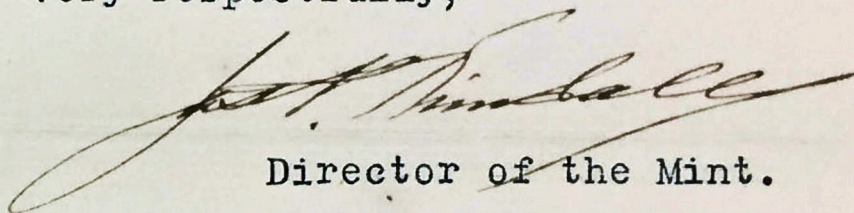
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I have become aware that it has been the practice for the Coiner to turn over at his settlement a lot of coined material of prior years, along with his blanks, which after the settlement is returned to him with his blanks. I refer particularly to medals, proof coins, trial pieces and things of that sort, the propriety of his possession of which from year to year is open to question.

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On this occasion I wish particularly to have some inquiry made as to the kind of material in question in the possession of the Coiner. Please look at all special parcels in the custody of the Coiner.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Lindal", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the text block below it.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
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